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WHITWORTH GIVEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The student body of 1945-46 will not soon forget the assembly of Monday, December 17, for President Warren at that time announced the gift of the "Harriet Cheney Cowles Library." It came as a distinct surprise to all assembled. The announcement was hailed with delight, and thanksgiving was rendered to God who has so wonderfully supplied all our needs "according to His riches in glory."

The W. H. Cowles family is well known throughout the entire State of Washington. They came to Spokane early in its history and have played a very important part in its building. Mr. Cowles, Sr. not only is the publisher of Spokane's two newspapers, *The Spokesman-Review* and *The Chronicle*, but has always maintained a great interest in all things that meant the developing of the great Northwest. The library is to be named in honor of Harriet Cheney Cowles, wife of W. H. Cowles, who passed away in 1938. Although Mr. Cowles, Sr. is not so active now in the management of the business affairs of the company, his interest in Whitworth and its development has not lessened, but rather deepened with the passing years. In all major projects of the past five years at Whitworth, the family has made very substantial gifts. Mr. W. H. Cowles, Jr., who carries a major responsibility for the firm, and his wife are active in their civic, social, and church relations in Spokane.

The gift is to be a living memorial to the memory of one who, according to one of Spokane's leading citizens, was "a very beautiful and lovely character." It is the desire of the father, the son, and the daughter, Mrs. John D. Graham, and the earnest wish of all Whitworthians that this building in its beauty and usefulness may indeed

symbolize the life and work of Mrs. W. H. Cowles.

A detailed description of the new building will be made shortly. It is the plan of the architect that the stacks contain 80,000 to 100,000 books. The building should be large enough so that approximately 200 students can study in the library at the same time. It is to be of solid brick construction and fireproof throughout. It is the wish of the family that the building conform to the general plan of the architecture of the campus. Work will begin as soon as materials and labor are available. It is our hope that the building will be ready for use by the fall of 1946.

This is, without doubt, one of the most important things that ever happened to Whitworth. For many years our library has been in an unsatisfactory condition. Its smallness has made it inadequate for a college growing as rapidly as Whitworth. It is now crowded to overflowing, and yet we do not have room for a library which must keep pace with the advancement of the college.

Although it was our original plan that the library be housed in the new administration building, still many felt that this was far from ideal. It is impossible to have the quiet condition necessary for study when several hundred young people are passing through the halls. The new library will be the center of the cultural and aesthetic life of Whitworth. To the Cowles family go the heartfelt thanks of not only 400 students and teachers but of thousands of loyal Whitworthians scattered throughout the country who rejoice over this great gift. Another great milestone has been reached in the building of the greater Whitworth that is to be.

New Record in Registration

Again Whitworth has broken all previous records in enrollment with the completion of the second quarter's registration, and Whitworthians swell with pride as they announce to their many friends the total registration for this quarter as 439. In addition we have many nursing students who are in training at the Deaconess Hospital which are affiliated with the college, but who are not included in the enrollment figure.

The largest previous record was last quarter when 372 students were registered and a very small percentage of this group failed to return this quarter.

The students come from Washington, Oregon, California, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, South Dakota, Indiana, Ohio, Arizona, North Carolina, Alaska, and Canada.

It is interesting also to note that the student body represents some twenty-eight different religious denominations and forty-five per cent of the number are Presbyterians.

Registration week was truly a glorious home-coming for the students and faculty alike. Many of the forty-eight veterans entering Whitworth were former students returning to their Alma Mater for the completion of their college work. These men came from all over the world and among them we find the following: from the European theatre, Beverly Burnett, George Penniman, Clarence Ludwig, Lester Pontius, and Robert Thompson; from the Pacific area, Odin Baugh, Louie Boni, Bob Chatterton, and Eugene Marshall; from the Burma-India area, Kenneth Briggs; and from those serving their country in the United States, Hubert Hull and Leonard Watson.

Two faculty members who have been serving in the Armed Services were discharged from their duties, and the college welcomed Mr. B. C. Neustel back to the campus and to the Department of Chemistry, and Mr. Gerald Stannard as coach.

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President Warren's New Year's Greetings

With a profound sense of gratitude for the past we now face the future. You who have followed the progress of Whitworth these past years have been thrilled and pleased at the many visible evidences of the new day which has dawned on our campus. We would not minimize the past for one moment. Whitworth is rightly proud of its long years of service to youth and to the Kingdom. It is proud of its men and women who are in places of responsibility throughout the nation. However, until now its work has been seriously hampered because of physical limitations.

Five years ago we had but two dormitories and a hall which we rented a mile away from the campus. Today there are five dormitories all filled to overflowing. We are thankful for our gymnasium, center of all our student activities, and for our wonderful dining hall—the most popular place on our cam-

pus. But as we face 1946 and the years that are just ahead, we realize that we have not come to the end of the journey. We have but taken some firm steps in the right direction.

The new year must mean for us here at Whitworth two or three great developments—first, the construction of our Cowles Memorial Library. If that can be completed by next fall, it will definitely help in the problem of where our students will study and where we shall put our books. We believe that the foundation is gradually being laid for our major campaign—namely, funds necessary for the erection of our Education Hall. It is the thought of the administration and of the Board of Trustees that this must take precedence over all that we do this coming year. We shall need many volunteer workers and many challenging gifts. With the building of our library, our education hall,

and one more dormitory for women, the physical plant of Whitworth will be ready for its full load.

At this New Year's Season we want to thank you personally, each and every one who reads this bulletin, for the part you have had in the building of Whitworth. Hundreds of you have given. Others have used their influence in directing students to us, and so many of you have not forgotten to pray for the college. Thus we have been builders together in this phase of God's work. We face the future with nought but hope and confidence; let us all remember that as we build for youth, and with youth, we are building for the ages. The year 1945 was the greatest year in the history of the college in every sense of the word. But the new year is ours, and with Paul we would forget the things that are behind and press on to the things that lie ahead. So to you and yours our best wishes for a new year.



WESTMINSTER HALL

DEDICATION OF WESTMINSTER HALL

Monday, December 17, marked another important date in the calendar of Whitworth. Local members of the Board of Trustees and their ladies were the guests of the college for a very delightful dinner. Immediately following, our guests and faculty members inspected Westminster Hall. All were delighted with its spaciousness, excellent equipment, and convenient arrangements. After the inspection, the group gathered in the lobby while

Dr. Paul Calhoun, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Spokane, conducted a simple but effective service of dedication.

We wish to make special mention of the extraordinary gift of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Postell to the new building. Mrs. Postell is not only a graduate of the college but also president of the Women's Auxiliary. Their special contribution was the complete furnishing of the reception room of the new building. It would be impossible to describe adequately the attractive furnishings, but suffice to say that the girls living in



INTRODUCING WHITWORTH'S WAR VETERANS

From left to right: FIRST ROW, Laurance W. Van Hise, Kenneth Russell, George Stout, Hubert Hull, Leonard Watson, Alvin Espe, Charles Short, Lester Wohlers, James Koken, George Penniman. SECOND ROW, Charles Blake, Bob Chatterton, John Rodkey, Louie Boni, Kenneth Briggs, Betty Peterson, Rosalie Doris Liotta, Leonard Fairchild, Willis Case, Milton Larsen, Eugene Shaw. THIRD ROW, Odin Baugh, James Stabbert, John Peterson, Beverly B. Burnett, Justin Serley, Eugene E. Marshall, Clifton R. Keene, Robert J. Thompson, Lucian A. Cassetta, Ambrose Priestley, John Croker. FOURTH ROW, Lester Pontius, Keith Onsum, Larry Baskett, Eldwin Colony, Robert L. Bowdey, Norman M. May, Larry Beal, Stanley Loudon, William Goins, John Carter.

Whitworth has royally welcomed the above group to its student body. Of the total number of 48 now on the campus, 13 are former Whitworthians who have returned to their own college in order that they may complete their studies. Others are in the process of registering either for this quarter or the spring term. We have men who have fought on the major battlefields of the war; men who were prisoners of Germany or Japan; men who have been wounded, who have suffered, who paid all but the supreme sacrifice that our world might be free. Hats off to our Whitworth men who are here and to those who still look forward to the time when they can return to their beloved college.

this building are very proud over their good fortune.

Westminster Hall contains, besides living accommodations for more than fifty girls, four large temporary classrooms. These classrooms will be used for Psychology, Sociology, History, and Art. Later when we have completed the administration hall, these rooms will be used as apartments or for dormitory space.

Due to the high cost of material and labor, we regret that this building has cost us far more than we anticipated. But it is good to know that it is filled to capacity and insures that much more income to the school.

New Director of Nursing

The resignation of Miss Eline Kraabel as Director of Nursing Education on the campus necessitated our bringing to the college Miss Evelyn Johnson to fill this important position. Miss Kraabel will also retain her faculty status but will be spending all of her time at the Deaconess Hospital of Spokane in her new position as Superintendent of Nurses. In addition to the administrative work carried by Miss Kraabel, Miss Johnson will teach those classes previously taught by Miss Lowe, as well as direct the

health program on the campus. In the latter, Miss Ruth Jaqua, R. N., will serve as student assistant.

Miss Johnson holds the Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Washington as well as a teaching and supervisory certificate from the University School of Nursing. Her R. N. was received in 1942. She taught one year in the Wenatchee Deaconess School of Nursing and has served as assistant in the physiology laboratory at the University of Washington.

Miss Johnson will be living on the campus in Westminster Hall.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK FEBRUARY 10-17

Traditionally at Whitworth the high point of the year spiritually is the time known as Spiritual Emphasis Week. Over a period of many years the best leaders in the West have been engaged to direct the thinking of the school along the line of that which pertains to the spirit. The immediate leaders of the past have been Dr. Robert N. McLean of Yakima, President Dale Welch of Dubuque University, President Jesse H. Baird of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, Dr. C. A. Kircher of Sacramento, and Dr. "Dad" Elliott of Chicago. This year again we feel that God has directly led in making it possible for the Rev. Robert B. Munger, youthful minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, to be our leader. It is doubtful if there is any one youth worker in the West better known or more successful than Bob Munger.

Upon completion of his work at the University of California, Rev. Munger took his seminary training at Princeton. He recently closed a very successful pastorate of several years at South Hollywood Presbyterian Church and became the pastor of one of the important churches of N. Calif., the First Church of Berkeley. Here he ministers to hundreds of students besides his large membership.

Rev. Munger will be assisted by the Rev. Richard Halverson, minister of the First Presbyterian Church at Coalinga, California. Dick is known to hundreds of young people as a song leader and soloist of unusual ability. It is fitting that this year, marked by the largest number of students that the school has ever had from California, should have for its leaders for Spiritual Emphasis Week outstanding ministers from the Synod of California. Again we ask for the continued prayers of ministers, parents, and friends that the week of February 10 may be the greatest week ever in the history of the college.

The New Library Will Mean

As I realize that Whitworth's long-standing dream of a new library is about to be realized, I find it difficult to express my own personal thrill and joy in the prospect. The

keynote of any library must be "service" to its patrons, and this we have not always been able to give. As I look at our present crowded, cramped quarters, I picture rows and rows of stacks waiting for our books and periodicals—"a place for everything, and everything in its place"; I imagine commodious work rooms where new books may be processed and catalogued and where mending, typing, and other behind-the-scenes work of the library can be carried on. I see large, modernly lighted, comfortably furnished reading and reference rooms furnishing inviting places of study for our growing student body. Space for inviting book displays, corners for browsing, nooks for quiet study—all will combine dignity, beauty, and modern conveniences to make our new library fulfill its mission as the efficient, comfortable, and inviting center of our closely integrated college program.

Mrs. Rhea J. Strawn, Librarian

Since the library of any school is at the heart of the educational program, I am delighted that Whitworth is to have a new library building. This will enable us to utilize to the fullest the materials that we have, and will provide room for much-needed additional books and periodicals.

The atmosphere of a well-appointed library adds to the incentive of students to carry on problems in research, and thus makes for better studentship. In addition, the fact of rows of shelves filled with books in various fields gives opportunity for browsing and will tend to broaden the interests of our students.

Dr. G. H. Schlauch,

Department of Sociology

Milton wrote that a good book is the precious life blood of a master spirit. A good library is, indeed, a collection of such books; and one of the most valuable parts of a college education is association with the great minds of the past. Students should have not only adequate books but also a separate library, distinct from the classroom, in which to read and enjoy themselves. The recent gift of a library building fulfills perhaps the most pressing need of our growing college. It is a milestone in the progress of Whitworth.

Dr. Robert R. Hubach,

Department of English

ATHLETICS IN A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Since December 7, 1941 the philosophy of our country has undergone a change that will be reflected in our everyday living, now that peace has come. An important step in the training of our airmen was an intensive program of competitive sports. It has long been recognized by physical educators that men who participate in such activities gain an added self-confidence and are able to adjust themselves quickly in society. The period we have just passed through has brought this value pointedly home to every citizen.

At Whitworth every man will have the opportunity to participate either on one of our major athletic teams or in our intramural program. At present we are playing a twenty-game basketball schedule. Golf and tennis squads will be organized for the spring quarter and a seven-game football season is planned for the fall.

The football field is being remodeled at considerable cost. The north end of the field has been raised two feet, and a four-inch covering of black dirt will be spread as soon as the weather permits. A twenty-five feet regulation quarter-mile track will also be laid, and in the near future Track will be added to our spring sports program. Bleachers seating 3,000 people will be built before next fall. A friend has deeded to the college a piece of ground adjoining the campus, and men are now working to get this in shape for a baseball diamond and practice football field. This will enable us to keep our new football turf in shape for our games.

Any alumni or friends of the college who know of athletes interested in going to school, either returning G. I.'s or high school graduates, drop me a line giving their names and addresses so that I can contact them.

Representing a Christian college our teams will continue to fight clean and hard the full time and to take victory or defeat in stride.

G. M. "Jerry" Stannard,

Athletic Director and Coach